

24 February 1969

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 24 February 1969

DD/I reported that preliminary readout of the most recent KH-4 mission has revealed the first positioning of SS-9 launchers since May 1968. The Director noted the importance of this and endorsed the DD/I's intent to give the matter detailed study.

Godfrey briefed on Vietnam developments over the long weekend and observed that none of the three major cities were subjected to heavy offensive action. With the exception of attacks against U. S. 25th Infantry Division installations, he noted that there were no major ground assaults.

D/ONE reported that NIE 11-69, Basic Factors and Main Tendencies in Current Soviet Policy, and NIE 41-69, Prospects for the US-Japanese Security Relationship, are ready for Thursday's USIB meeting. He commented that SNIE 30-69, Some Implications of a Search for an Arab-Israeli Settlement, and NIE 13-8-69, Communist China's Strategic Weapons Program, will require additional time.

D/ONE distributed copies of ONE memorandum "Reactions to a U. S. Retaliatory Air and Naval Strike Against North Vietnam Between the DMZ and the 19th Parallel." The Director asked that Carver hand-carry a copy to Secretary Laird today.

The Director asked whether NIE 11-69 was checked out with anyone outside the USIB complex, and D/ONE reported that Ambassador Thompson reviewed the Estimate.

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ADD/S reported that the two Air America pilots in Taipei have now received their exit permits and will be proceeding to the U. S.

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Carver reported that the second day of the VC/NVN offensive appeared to be lighter, with civilians taking most of the casualties.

Carver reported that they were able to provide the White House with a wrap-up on the Vietnamese situation prior to the President's departure for Europe.

Carver noted that, according to a message from the Saigon station, there were no Agency personnel casualties over the weekend.

\*Maury reported that Senator Symington was obviously well impressed with the briefings provided by Agency personnel during the course of his recent trip to Europe. The Director asked the DD/P to send a "Well done" cable to those concerned.

Maury noted that Senator Fulbright was apparently highly impressed with the Director's testimony on Friday and would like the Director to appear before the full Senate Foreign Relations Committee this Wednesday or Thursday. The Director expressed a preference for Wednesday so as to avoid a conflict with the USIB meeting.

Maury reported that Congressman Henderson will be helpful on the Ervin bill and has observed that it might be well for FBI Director Hoover to acknowledge that the bill would create problems for his own organization. Maury noted that he and Houston will be meeting with Senator Ervin this afternoon.

Maury briefed on Senator Russell's commentary on Friday with respect to the probability that our two Senate Subcommittees will ordinarily meet separately in the future.

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DD/S&T briefed on the flurry in the White House over the weekend over Soviet postponement of what had been billed to be a major Soviet space spectacular.

DD/S&T reported that DD/S&T will participate in a briefing at Defense this afternoon on Soviet computer technology. He mentioned

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25X1 [ ] will attend the briefing and that they had initially raised the matter with Defense.

The Director reviewed a paper posing questions of possible interest to Senator Stennis.

\*The Director noted that he is in receipt of the DD/P's three-page memorandum on Yasser Arafat and asked the DD/P to pursue additional details and appreciation.

The Director called attention to the most recent [ ] from Saigon and observed that it caused him to be a bit more optimistic with respect to progress.

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\*The Director asked that briefing materials for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee include a statement on the capabilities of the Galosh system, a precise statement on ABM testing, a tightened-up paper on the Berlin situation, an item on Nigeria/Biafra, an item on the Pakistan situation, and a brief paper on the ChiCom Cultural Revolution. After some discussion the Director decided that any [ ] data should be included without attribution. The Director asked that these materials be carefully screened for mistakes and redundancy.

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The Director noted Senator Fulbright's position and asked that every effort be made to respond promptly and completely to any request from the Senator or his office.

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